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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Proposed DD/P Programming System

25X1A9A 1. On 1 December 1959, Mr. [REDACTED] of the Budget Division and the
 25X1A9A undersigned met with Mr. [REDACTED] of the DD/P to discuss
 25X1A9A informally the proposed revision in the DD/P Programming System. Since
 this proposal has not been approved by Mr. Bissell, Mr. [REDACTED] would not
 permit us to read the instructions, but he did answer a number of our
 questions and he did allow us to look at copies of the forms to be used.
 The principal points of interest are discussed in the following para-
 graphs and approximate reproductions of the two principal forms, drawn
 by the undersigned from memory, are attached hereto as Tabs A and B.

2. Under the new system, the Operational Programs will be
 submitted about 15 March and will be forwarded to the Project Review
 Committee for review as heretofore. The program as submitted to the
 PRC will consist of a ten page narrative statement and the two attached
 forms. There are two major changes: there will be a four year spread
 instead of the three year spread as heretofore; and activity and target
 categories will be substituted for projects.

25X1A9A 3. The role of the project will be changed completely as Mr. [REDACTED]
 envisages it. No project outline will go above the branch level.
 Approvals at the division, DD/P and PRC levels will be entirely on the
 basis of action and target categories similar to those listed on Tab B.
 25X1A9A The procedure will require the submission of a list of projects to
 25X1A9A Mr. [REDACTED], but this list is intended for his analysis only and will
 not be forwarded to the PRC. Using the project list provided, Mr. [REDACTED]
 hopes to consolidate some of the smaller projects and to divide some of
 the larger, multi-purpose projects.

4. The undersigned noted that the Comptroller's Office still
 considers that it has some responsibility for control of project limita-
 tions, and conjectured as to whether it would be either possible or
 desirable for the Office of the Comptroller to enforce the 100 or more
 limitations for each country which might be approved by the PRC.
 25X1A9A Mr. [REDACTED] expressed the opinion that the Comptroller's Office has no
 responsibility for the enforcement of project limitations at the present
 time and should have no responsibility for the enforcement of future
 PRC limitations. He considers that this is and ought to be a responsi-
 bility to be performed by the area division Budget and Fiscal Officers

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in behalf of the division chief. The undersigned noted that this point would require further discussion.

5. The undersigned raised a question as to the redesigning of our present Financial Code. Mr. [REDACTED] noted that the present categories were tentative, and therefore nothing should be done yet. Furthermore, he indicated that he thought the Comptroller's Office had tried too hard to sell the use of machine accounting to the DD/P. 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 6. Mr. [REDACTED] stressed that the new programming procedure was not in any sense to be a substitute for any requirements of the Comptroller's Office, and that the DD/P still would provide any information which the Comptroller's Office might require.

25X1A9a 25X1A9a 7. In connection with Mr. [REDACTED] question on the "Eyes Only", Mr. [REDACTED] indicated that Mr. Bissell, in general, is very much pleased with this document, since at this time there is no other document which gives him the same information. It does not appear necessary at this time that we attempt to conform the Fiscal Year 1961 "Eyes Only" to the categories proposed as part of the new DD/P programming system.

8. Comment: Although this point was not discussed at the meeting, it appears to the undersigned that the new programming system will place major new workloads on the Budget and Fiscal Officers of the area divisions. Particularly this will be true during the experimental period when all or most record-keeping necessary will be done by hand.

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Attachments

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